

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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The Richland County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is pleased to announce our 2012 Scholarship Program. This year our chapter will award eight (8) scholarships in the amount of \$1,250 each to graduating seniors in Richland and Lexington school districts.

All applications will be screened based on evidence of financial need, GPA, SAT/ACT results, essay, letters of recommendation, and extra-curricular activities.

The school guidance counselor must submit the application and all material must be postmarked by March 2, 2012 to be considered. Students may apply for only one scholarship. All awards will be forwarded to the Technical School, College, or University the recipient will attend next fall. The Richland County Alumnae Chapter reserves the right to withhold scholarships if false or misleading information is submitted.

We are excited about this opportunity to provide these scholarships to students in our community and we appreciate your assistance in making sure they receive the information to apply. Sharon Parker, chairperson of our Scholarship Committee, will be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding our Scholarship Program. You may contact her via telephone at (803) 699-0447 or via email at rcamayweek@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your assistance in helping us to facilitate our Scholarship Program.

Sincerely,

Rosalyn Glenn
Chapter President



The Richland County Alumnae Chapter 2012 Scholarship categories are as follows:

Historically Black College Award: This scholarship is a **one-time** award of \$1,250 to a male or female African American student planning to attend a Historically Black College or University.

Mathematics Award: This scholarship is a **one-time** award of \$1,250 to a male or female African American student planning to major and pursue a career in Math.

Science Award: This scholarship is a **one-time** award of \$1,250 to a male or female African American student planning to major and pursue a career in Science.

Education Award: This scholarship is a **one-time** award of \$1,250 to a male or female African American student planning to major and pursue a career in Education.

Human Services/Social Work Award: This scholarship is a **one-time** award of \$1,250 to a male or female African American student planning to major and pursue a career in Human Services (Human Services, Social Work, Sociology, etc.)

Business Award: This scholarship is a **one-time** award of \$1,250 to a male or female African American student planning to major and pursue a career in Business (Business Administration, Management, Accounting, Finance, Marketing, Economics, etc).

Single Mother: This scholarship is an **annual** award of \$1,250 for four consecutive years to a female African American student who is a single mother. The recipient of this scholarship must maintain a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale by the end of each academic year. An official transcript must be forwarded to the chapter each year to verify enrollment.

Delta GEMS: This scholarship is a **one-time** award of \$1,250 to a female African American student enrolled in the Delta GEMS program with Richland County Alumnae at Keenan High School. **Student must be enrolled in the Delta GEMS program sponsored by Richland County Alumnae chapter at Keenan High School or Lower Richland High School to qualify.**

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Guidance Counselor Form

Applicant Name: _____ Sex: F ___ M ___

High School Currently Enrolled: _____

Scholarship Applying For: _____

(Please select only one.)

Applicant's Intended Major: _____

Guidance Counselor's Name: _____

Guidance Counselor's Email Address: _____

Guidance Counselor's Signature: _____

Phone Number: () _____ Date: _____

Please attach the following to this form:

- (A) An official transcript including class rank, extra-curricular activities, GPA, and SAT/ACT results.

- (B) A list of clubs, organization, and activities applicant has participated in along with all honors and/or awards received. If extra-curricular activities are not posted as part of the official transcript, applicant must complete the enclosed form. The guidance counselor or sponsor must review, sign and mail the form. **This is Mandatory.**

- (C) Forms **MUST** be **POSTMARKED** by **March 2, 2012**

Mail to:

**Richland County Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Attn: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Post Office Box 777
Columbia, South Carolina 29202**

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INSTRUCTIONS for APPLICANT

1. Attach the following to completed Application:

- (A) A one page **ESSAY (250-word minimum & typed double spaced)** based on the scholarship you are applying for. **Student's name should be on each page of essay.**

Historically Black College Award: Before desegregation in the nation's educational system, HBCUs were the only way that most African Americans could receive college degrees. In your opinion how are minority students better served by an undergraduate education at a HBCU?

Mathematics Award: Since African Americans are underrepresented in Math; discuss the value your perspective career in Math will have on the African-American community. **(Females and males may apply.)**

Science Award: Since African Americans are underrepresented in Science; discuss the value your perspective career in Science will have on the African-American community. **(Females and males may apply.)**

Education Award: The high school drop out rate for minority students is at an all time high. There is a serious need for education leaders, teachers and parents to take an active interest in the wellbeing of children. Discuss how your career as a teacher will help improve the number of minorities graduating from high school. **(Females and males may apply.)**

Human Services/Social Work: The President of the United States issued a call for all Americans to embrace a new spirit in service, how will your career in the human services/social work field contribute and change the lives of individuals in the African American community? **(Females and males may apply.)**

Business: Discuss the factors that influenced your decision to study business. Describe your career goals for the future and how will a degree in business influence your ability to achieve your goals. **(Females and males may apply.)**

Single Mother: SC is ranked as having one of the nation's highest teenage pregnancy rates. As a teen mother, what advice or lessons learned would you give to other teenagers? **(Females may apply.)**

Delta GEMS: In your opinion, what is a significant issue positive or negative that is affecting your generation? Based on your participation in the Delta Gems program how have you been empowered to address this issue? **(Females enrolled in the Delta GEMS Program through Richland County Alumnae Chapter at Keenan High or Lower Richland may apply.)**

- (B) An unconditional **ACCEPTANCE LETTER** from an accredited College, University or Technical College.

2. Two (2) **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS** to be completed and submitted by **one teacher** and **one person in your community not affiliated with your high school.**
3. The completed application MUST be **postmarked** by **March 2, 2012.** Please refer to the Scholarship Application Checklist to ensure packet is accurate and complete before mailing.
4. Applications will be screened according to the following criteria:
 - a) Evidence of financial need
 - b) GPA, SAT/ACT
 - c) Recommendations
 - d) Curricular and extra-curricular activities
5. Scholarship recipients must be present at the Sorority's May Week Program to receive official Certificate of Award. All awards will be made payable to the Technical School, College or University the recipient will attend.
6. Send completed application with attachments to:

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ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
P.O. Box 777
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***RICHLAND COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.***

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: F ___ M ___ Race: _____

Name and address of school currently attending: _____

Name of Guidance Counselor: _____ Phone: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

College/University in which applicant plans to enroll: _____

Acceptance Date: _____ Intended Major: _____

Scholarship applying for: _____
(Please select only one)

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Guardian Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Please indicate parent's yearly income before taxes (your personal income if supporting self and living away from family)

Mother's Income: \$ _____ Self: \$ _____

Father's Income: \$ _____ Total: \$ _____

Benefits:

Public Assistance: \$ _____ Social Security: \$ _____

Veterans: \$ _____

Letter of Recommendation (Teacher's Form)

Applicant's Name: _____

How well do you know the applicant? (Please check one)

- Very well (More than one year)
 Fairly well (More than one semester)
 Not very well (Less than one semester)

Please evaluate the applicant using the statements provided below. Please check the statements, which best describe the applicant in relation to students, academics and extra-curriculum activities. Please check only one response for each statement.

	Not Observed	Below Average	Average	Above Average
Makes friends easily.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Shows interest & concerns for the welfare of others.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Influences other students to work together.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Communicates effectively orally.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Communicates effectively in written work.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sets an example of good conduct for other students.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Exerts maximum effort, showing a strong desire to achieve.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Shows self-control & performs well, even under pressure.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Adjusts to demanding schedule of activities without neglect to school work.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Seeks academic challenge beyond that required by normal course work.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sets high standards for own performance in a number of areas and activities.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Accepts constructive criticism & makes improvements from it.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Accepts full responsibility for personal shortcomings.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Teaches practical skills to others.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Participates in extra curricular activities.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Serves in leadership capacity in school organizations.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Is an all around good volunteer and individual.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Briefly explain why you think applicant should receive this award. _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Email Address _____

Phone: _____

Teacher's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Letter of Recommendation (Individual in Community)

Applicant's Name: _____

How well do you know the applicant? (Please check one)

- Very well (More than one year)
 Fairly well (More than one semester)
 Not very well (Less than one semester)

Please evaluate the applicant using the statements provided below. Please check the statements, which best describe the applicant in relation to students, academics and extra-curriculum activities. Please check only one response for each statement.

	Not Observed	Below Average	Average	Above Average
Demonstrates interest in community.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Shows interest & concerns for the welfare of others.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Influences other students to work together.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Communicates effectively orally.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Communicates effectively in written work.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sets an example of good conduct for other students.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Exerts maximum effort, showing a strong desire to achieve.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Shows self-control & performs well, even under pressure.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Makes friends easily.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Is a positive role model.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Accepts constructive criticism & makes improvements from it.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Accepts full responsibility for personal shortcomings.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Teaches practical skills to others.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Seeks challenges beyond those normally required.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Eagerly volunteers to help out.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Exhibits strong moral character.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Is an all around good volunteer and individual.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Briefly explain why you think applicant should receive this award. _____

Evaluator's Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Evaluator's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Club/Organization Form

List all school, community and church clubs, organizations and activities you have been involved in since your freshman year. **Sponsor's signature required for verification and credit.**

Club/Organization or Activity	Date Involved	Office Held	Year(s) Office Held	Sponsor's Signature (REQUIRED)
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
9.				
10.				

List all honors and awards received from school and community clubs, organizations and activities. **Sponsor's signature required for verification and credit.**

Honor or Award	Date of Honor or Award	Counselor's or Sponsor's Signature (REQUIRED)
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

*****Return to Guidance Counselor for mailing*****

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please verify your application is accurate and complete by ensuring all information below is in your packet when mailed:

- ❑ Application signed and all information complete
- ❑ Guidance counselor form completed and signed
- ❑ Letters of recommendations enclosed, signed, and completed from a teacher and an individual in the community
- ❑ 250-word minimum essay (typed double spaced) enclosed.
Student's name should be on each page of the essay
- ❑ Unconditional acceptance letter from an accredited college, university, or technical college enclosed
- ❑ Club/Organization form completed with dates of participation and all activities signed by your guidance counselor or sponsor
- ❑ Official transcript enclosed including class rank, extra-curricular activities, GPA, and SAT/ACT results

REMINDER: Completed applications must be postmarked by March 2, 2012 in order to be considered for scholarships.